

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. *(amended)* A composition comprising a a lanthanide ion material that interacts with a sulfur dye such that oxidation of the sulfur dye by oxidizing agents is inhibited and/or reduced, and a fabric softening agent.

Claim 2. *(Currently cancelled)*

Claim 3. *(Currently cancelled)*

Claim 4. *(Currently cancelled)*

Claim 5. *(Currently cancelled)*

Claim 6. *(Currently cancelled)*

Claim 7. *(amended)* The composition according to Claim 1 6 wherein the lanthanide metal ion is selected from the group consisting of: La(III), Ce(IV), Gd(III) and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8. *(Cancel, with the proviso that applicant reserves the right to pursue divisional applications on the species therein)*

Claim 9. A kit comprising:

- a. an article of manufacture comprising a composition according to Claim 1; and
- b. instructions for using the composition to treat a fabric in need of treatment.

Claims 10-43. *(These Claims stand withdrawn from consideration)*

Claim 44 *(New)* A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the fabric softening agent is a member selected from the group consisting of quaternary ammonium compounds, smectite clays, polyethylene oxide materials, and tertiary amines.